

**FACT SHEET:**  
**Responsible Beverage Server Permit**

1. *Owners/Managers:* In February of 1993, the City Council adopted ordinance 5.04.030 which required an owner or manager to be trained. The proposed ordinance will change the name of this training and certificate to be named “Responsible Beverage Management Certificate.” After January 31, 2013, any new certificate issued will also include a permit.
2. *Sunday sales:* Currently, all liquor is prohibited from being sold on Sunday morning. The proposed ordinance would allow liquor to be sold on Sunday mornings.
3. *Server/Seller:* On August 30, 2010, the City Council approved an ordinance requiring all servers and sellers of alcohol at retail to be trained and a permit to be issued. The intent is to ensure that individuals who serve or sell alcohol at retail are educated on state and local laws, and to hold individuals accountable for their actions.
  - a. After January 31, 2013, a permit would be required to sell or serve alcohol at retail (examples, bartender, waiter/waitress, cashier).
  - b. Responsible Beverage Server Permit:
    - (i) Starting August 1, 2012, a server/seller may apply for a permit.
    - (ii) From August 1, 2012 to January 31, 2013, the permit fee is waived. This means that all permit applications submitted prior to February 1, 2013 will be **FREE** and valid for 3 years.
    - (iii) After January 31, 2013, the permit fee will be \$20 and valid for 3 years.
  - c. Training:
    - (i) An on-line training program has been created by the University of Nebraska will be **FREE** and available 24/7. After the permit purchase, applicants will be directed to the free training course.
    - (ii) For those who prefer in-person training or employers wishing to use their own training courses, other training courses will be recognized. These courses are not included in the permit fee. The training course must first be approved by approved by the Nebraska Liquor Commission and include training on local laws. Applicants will need to pass an on-line test to receive the permit.
4. *Fees:* A Responsible Beverage Server/Seller Fund will be established. All funds will be deposited into a dedicated fund account to be used only for permit administration and compliance.
5. *Administrative Permit Denial, Suspension or Revocation –* The Health Director MAY deny, suspend or revoke the Permit if the person does not comply with the Ordinance.
  - a. Currently, the City Council’s Internal Liquor Committee is working with an industry “task force” to create rules and regulations on enforcement. The “task force” will recommend that some violations result in retraining while other violations may result in a suspension or revocation of a permit. The “task force” will have the rules and regulation completed by August 1, 2012.
  - b. This process is separate from any criminal citation. Additionally, this process is consistent with food handler permits and other permits issued by the City.
6. *Criminal Penalties.* The criminal penalties are being amended to make Chapter 5.04 consistent with other permits sections. These penalties apply to all liquor law violations.